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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Johnson, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: INVDP001

Application No.: 09/689,548

Examiner: Gordon, Brian R.

Filed: October 11, 2000

Group: 1743



Title: HYBRID VALVE APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR FLUID HANDLING

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 CFR §1.114)**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
*(Any unentered amendment referred to above will be entered.)*
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_.
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit/Declaration
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
    - Copies of IDS Citations
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_.

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2. **Fees:** (The RCE fee is required at the time the RCE is filed.)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	43	MINUS	62	0	x 9 =	x 18 = 0.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS	4		x 43 =	x 86 = 0.00
Fee for Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)				NA	\$770.00	
				Total	\$	\$770.00
<b>SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION</b>						\$385.00

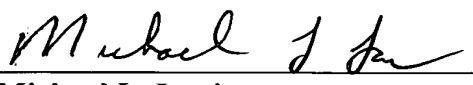
- a. Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time.
- b. Applicant believes that no further extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. INVDP001).
- c. Enclosed is our Check No. 9242 in the amount of \$440 to cover the RCE fee and extension of time fee.
- d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. INVDP001).

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